The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MS. LAGAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON.

Director Lagay announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 05, 2016, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss for the CWA counter proposal from Steve Farsiou.

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RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss the recertification of the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board (GRWIB).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m., recessed at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Sachau, Raritan Township resident, asked about the recent hearings on the Open Space Committee and the attendees who were invited. She inquired about outreach for these meetings.

Director Lagay advised there was a general announcement for the public meeting and it was advertised on the website as well. The meeting was well attended and held over the course of several days at various times of the day.

Mr. King added that the meeting was noticed in The Hunterdon County Democrat.

Gregory Lane, Lebanon Township resident, questioned the Board regarding the use of herbicides by the County on Route 513 by his home, in 2015. He presented photos he took showing one hundred square feet of property damage, rock erosion, post damage, which he feels is due to herbicide use. He is also concerned about the eventual erosion that could occur when the herbicide is sprayed on telephone poles and near storm drains. He feels the use of herbicides is unnecessary. Mr. Lane provided information to Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board, who reported the information to George Wagner, Chief of Staff. Mr. Lane also spoke with Tom Matthews, Director of Public Works, about the County’s pesticide procedures.

COUNTY ORDINANCE #2016-02

Director Lagay opened the public hearing on Capital Ordinance No. 2016-02.

Mr. Lanza explained County Ordinance No. 2016-02, is a shared service to provide a lower rate of gasoline to municipalities with twenty-four hour access. Due to the demand of the program and the amount that is expended, the County must construct bigger holding tanks, and that is the reason for the one and a half cent increase. It is still a bargain for the customers while also allowing the County to make this Capital Improvement.

Mr. King was not in attendance in the public meeting where this was originally discussed, but is confident this has been vetted out appropriately.

Director Lagay confirmed the fifteen percent increase was vetted through the Shared Services Committee and was discussed publicly at a prior Freeholder meeting.

There being no comments or questions from the press or public, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to close the public hearing on Capital Ordinance No. 2016-02.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.
Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

See Page 5/17/16 COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

ADOPTION, AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEE CHARGED FOR GASOLINE PURCHASED AT THE COUNTY’S PUBLIC WORK DEPOTS.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

FINANCE
Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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INTRODUCTION, Authorizing the establishment of a CAP Bank.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Walton seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Approving the “2016 Budget Statement Certification by Welfare Agency.”

Janet Previte, County Finance Officer, discussed the Social Services $4.25 million budget; of that amount the County is funding approximately $1.2 million, which is about 28% of the total budget. The remaining portion is funded through State and Federal dollars. There is a onetime decrease change in the budget for 2016 as a result of Medicaid revenue from 2015 that the Division of Social Services has elected to use in 2016 to effectively reduce the County’s portion of their budget.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve the introduction of the 2016 County Budget and to set the public hearing for Thursday, June 09, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MS. LAGAY. (NAY) MR. WALTON.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the January 05, 2016 resolution for County Depositories to include Unity Bank and Northfield Bank.

Ms. Previte explained that Hopewell Community Bank, a previous depository, is now within the division of Northfield Bank. The second piece is to add the local bank, Unity Bank, to the list of authorized depositories.

Freeholder Lanza commented that he is pleased that the Library Commission’s money will now be working for them.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

PURCHASING
Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2016-02, for Automated Data Processing Services for the Tax Board with Vital Communications, Inc., for a seven year contract, in an amount not to exceed $709,403.36.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/OPEN SPACE
Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLVED, Granting final approval for the acquisition of a development easement from John Kluber, Block 20.01, Lot 9, in Alexandria Township, estimated 57 acres; (SADC - $331,740; County - $110,580; Township -$110,580), total amount of $552,900.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

PUBLIC WORKS
Tom Mathews, Director of the Department of Public Works, came before the Board to provide an update on various County roads and bridges.
Roads
• County Route 579, Pittstown to County Route 614, Union and Alexandria Townships, paving the leveling layer began this week. It is anticipated for a June completion.

Bridges
• Bridge K-93, on Horseshoe Bend Road, in Kingwood Township, repairs are scheduled to begin June 1, 2016.
• Culvert R-75, on Ridge Road, in Readington Township, this project is being done by County forces under traffic and is scheduled to be complete May 27, 2016.
• Culvert Q-160, on Rake Factory Road, in Raritan Township, priority repairs have been completed - that project began on May 9, 2016.

Federally Funded Projects
• County Route 513, Exit 15-Interstate 78, in Franklin, Union and Clinton Townships, a public information meeting was held on May 4, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the Town of Clinton Municipal Building and it was well attended and productive.

CONSENT AGENDA
Director Lagay announced: “All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.”

Items Held: Check #153-665, #153-598 and #153-603 and the minutes of May 17, 2016.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded a motion to approve the claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated May 17, 2016, absent checks #153-665, #153-598 and #153-603.

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ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve check #’s 155-598 and #155-603 as listed on the Claims Register dated May 17, 2016.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve check #153-665 as listed on the Claims Register dated May 17, 2016.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes of April 05, 2016.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLVED, Alexander Howard appointed full time, permanent Public Health Investigator, Division of Health Services, Department of Public Safety and Health Services.

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RESOLVED, Christianah Bamgbade appointed full time, provisional Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

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RESOLVED, Patricia Kelly appointed full time, provisional Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

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RESOLVED, Arlyn Nicholson appointed full time, provisional Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

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RESOLVED, Mercedes Hill appointed full time, provisional Family Service Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.
RESOLVED, Robert Barone appointed full time, provisional Social Worker, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

RESOLVED, Susan Nekola appointed full time, provisional Social Worker Supervisor, Division of Social Services, Department of Human Services.

RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Robby Bennet as unclassified, full time Assistant County Superintendent of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works.

RESOLVED, Approving the interdepartmental transfer of Sonia Noriega from the Corrections Division to the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Sonia Noriega, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Sam Paolicelli, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Ryan Kadezabek, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Robert Plimpton II, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Nicholas Tsentas, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Michael Frace, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Mathew Bullman, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Jessica Chilmonik, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an amendment to the interdepartmental transfer of Jesse Cvecich from the Corrections Division to the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.

RESOLVED, Approving an Employment and Reimbursement Agreement with Jesse Cvecich, Sheriff's Officer.

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with Reverend David Errickson, to provide Chaplain Services for Inmates, in an amount not to exceed $15,600.

RESOLVED, Approving Change Order #1, Bid #2015-11, with S.F. Lutzky Contracting, for Septic Construction and Drainage Improvements at South County Park, decrease of $409.76.
RESOLVED, Approving a Housing Consultant Services contract for the Tri-County (Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren) Continuum of Care, to file a joint application to HUD for Continuum of Care Homeless (CoC) Assistance, for 2016, in the amount of $3,333.34. (equal shares of $10,000).

RESOLVED, Approving Specifications for the Application of Traffic Stripes on various County and Municipal Roads, and directing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids.

RESOLVED, Approving Specifications for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment of various County Roads, in various municipalities, and directing the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids.

RESOLVED, Acknowledging the efforts of Mary Jo Codey to increase awareness and reduce stigma for persons impacted by mental illness.

RESOLVED, Approving final payment for County Bid #2014-12, for the 2014 Painting of County Bridges: D-325, U-20, L-30, L-36, W-18 and R-170, with Aussie Painting Corp., in the amount of $2,655.22.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

GRANTS
Mr. Holt moved and Mr. King seconded this:

RESOLVED, Approving an application for a County History Partnership Program Grant, for a three year cycle (2017-2019), from the New Jersey Historical Commission to the Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

RESOLVED, Approving a grant renewal application with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for the Local Core Capacity for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, for the period of July 01, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of $256,923.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

RESOLVED, Approving the submission of a grant application and a Spending Plan to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for the 2015 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Grant, for Hunterdon’s Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program, in the amount of $115,364.00.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

RESOLVED, Approving a Victims of Crime Act Subgrant Award with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team (SANE/SART), in the amount of $83,138.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION
Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. King seconded this:

RESOLVED, Acknowledging Hunterdon’s Teachers selected as part of the Governor’s Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition on June 02, 2016.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.
Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded these:

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RESOLVED, Recognizing Kyle Robert Schlittler, Troop 187, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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RESOLVED, Recognizing Hunter Vogel, Troop 288, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

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RESOLVED, Recognizing Gregory Windeler, Troop 288, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL:  (AYES)  MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, again requesting permission to use County resources on Saturday, June 04, 2016, for the 3rd annual Hunterdon County Community Day, to be held at the South County Park, from 12:00 noon through 6:00 p.m. Asking to use auxiliary lighting, digital sign board, cones, barricades, portable radios and support staff from the Division of Parks and Recreation, as well as Buildings and Maintenance. Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion to approve this request provided the event is coordinated through the County’s Parks and Recreation Division.

ROLL CALL:  (AYES)  MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MR. KING, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

A request was received from the Rotary Club of Flemington, again requesting permission to use the County’s Court Street Park, on Sunday, June 12, 2016, for the 8th annual Bark in the Park Dog Walk. Also requesting to place port-a-johns at the Main Street County Complex parking area. Mr. King moved and Mr. Lanza seconded a motion granting permission provided the event is coordinated through the County’s Parks and Recreation Division and Buildings and Maintenance.

ROLL CALL:  (AYES)  MR. KING, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON, MS. LAGAY.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

RVCC Budget

Mr. King reported on Raritan Valley Community College’s budget which was sent out to the Board of School Estimate members for a meeting on May 26, 2016. Customarily, the Freeholder Board would have some discussion on this issue and it is at the discretion of the Freeholders. Mr. King noted RVCC is requesting a 1.8% increase from Hunterdon County’s contribution for this year for a total amount of $61, 355.00 and the revised budget appears to be approximately $2 million dollars greater than last year, which is a 4% increase. The minor capital budget is flat from last year however major capital funding is increasing by $100,000 from $1.5 million in 2015 to $1.6 million in 2016-17. Mr. King opened the matter for discussion.

Mr. Walton expressed frustration with RVCC as tuition is constantly is going up as well as the levy to the County and the budget, no matter the economic circumstances or student population. RVCC does an excellent job in education, but Mr. Walton sees little effort in belt-tightening which is a source of frustration. He would like to see a culture of thrift in addition to the culture of academic excellence.

Mr. Lanza expressed frustration saying RVCC make a representation as to what the numbers would be. Hunterdon County is struggling to put together a flat budget in the face of fewer grants, more mandates from the state, higher salaries and health care costs, and then RVCC’s representation turns out to be inaccurate; it is hard at this stage to find an extra $60,000.

Director Lagay asked the Board what the consensus would be with regards to a vote on the RVCC budget. The Board agreed support would only be given to a flat budget. She instructed Ms. Previte to gather information from RVCC’s CFO.

Ms. Previte informed the Board that if the budget is not flat, it would require a change on the County’s part prior to adoption of the County Budget.

Flemington’s Community Partnership

Mr. Walton reported on Flemington Partnership’s beer garden proposal on Main Street and wished them luck on that endeavor.

Mental Health

Mr. Walton expressed disappointment in the local media’s lack of coverage on the Mental Health Stigma presentation at the previous Freeholder meeting.

Park Survey

Mr. Walton commented on an article on the County’s Park System survey saying he hopes the survey will take into consideration private businesses that may be able to provide these services before the golf course scenario is replicated.
RVCC Commencement

Mr. Lanza reported he had the privilege of speaking at the Commencement Ceremony of Raritan Valley Community College over the weekend. It was a fantastic event and he appreciate being able to share the occasion with the students and their families. Mr. Lanza noted that a mother and daughter graduated together; as well as triplets from Hunterdon County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Lagay opened the meeting to the public.

John Anderson, Hunterdon’s representative from Jersey Central Power & Light, reported on a glitch in the text messaging system today. A planned outage notification was sent in error to sixty thousand customers.

RECESS

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders recessed at 6:17 p.m. to move the meeting to the Historic Courthouse for the 2016 Mini-Historian award ceremony.

RECONVENE

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION

2016 Mini-Historian awards

Stephanie Stevens, former Cultural & Heritage Commission Chairperson introduced the Board of Chosen Freeholders to the students and parents present for the awards of Mini-Historian. She explained the history of Hunterdon County; what a Freeholder is and does, noting that the County of Hunterdon was founded in 1714. Today, Hunterdon County is 302 years old.

Mrs. Stevens thanked the parents present for encouraging their children to learn about Hunterdon County and the teachers for instilling an interest in history in their students.

Mrs. Stevens provided a small history lesson covering the Hunterdon County historic Court House. The first Court House for Hunterdon County was built on this foundation in 1793 but it burned down, and was replaced in 1848.

Director Lagay and Mrs. Stevens presented certificates to the following recognized students:

HONORABLE MENTION


SECOND PLACE

Califon Public School, Maryjane Medea, Teacher, Gabby Medea, Califon Bank; Flemington – Raritan - Francis A. Desmares School, Lydia Sokoloski, Teacher, Helena Shore, The Union Hotel; Franklin Township School, S. Rainaldi, Teacher, Ryan Fisher, Franklin Township School; High Bridge Elementary School, Lynn Hughes, Teacher, Nate Schwartz, The Cregar Road Lime Kiln; Lebanon Borough School, Yvette Corradi (Grade 3), Teacher, Marley Landsperger, The Holmes Home; Milford Public School, Edna Coe Bercaw, Teacher, Carly Laughton, The Grist Mill; Tewksbury Elementary School, Susan Wilkinson, Teacher, Noel Jeskulski, Califon Train Station.

FIRST PLACE

Califon Borough - Califon Public School, Mrs. Medea, Teacher, Julia Smozanek, Califon Methodist Church; Delaware Township School, Ms. Wheatley, Teacher, Katherine Shearer, The Sergeantsville Inn; East Amwell School, Miss Marino, Teacher, Riley Elizabeth Dosch, History of Old York Road; Flemington Raritan / Robert Hunter School; Max Keller, Tuccamirgan Park; Franklin Township School, Jeffrey Weinhold, Teacher, Thomas Jack Mani, The Pittstown Inn; Frenchtown Elementary School, Roxanne Kloos, Teacher, Riley Danielle Campbell, The National Hotel; High Bridge Elementary School, Lynn Hughes, Teacher, Liam Bolger, Union Forge; Lebanon Borough School, Yvette Corradi (Grade 3), Teacher, Ryan Melrose, Isabella Paez, Lebanon Reformed Church; Milford Public School, Bob St. Laurent (Grade 3), Teacher, Meghan Sebeth, Riegel Paper Mill; Readington Township – Holland Brook School, Valerie Zanardi, Teacher, Kiera Spring, Haypress Cemetery; Tewksbury Elementary School, Susan Wilkinson, Teacher, Sam Dillard, Fairmount United Methodist Church.

2nd PRIZE – COUNTY - TIE

Readington Township – Holland Brook School, Valerie Zanardi – Teacher, Kiera Spring, Haypress Cemetery and the Tewksbury Elementary School, Susan Wilkinson – Teacher, Sam Dillard, Fairmount United Methodist Church.

GRAND PRIZE – COUNTY “2016 HUNTERDON COUNTY JUNIOR HISTORIAN”

High Bridge Elementary School, Lynn Hughes – Teacher, Liam Bolger, Union Forge.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders and members of the Cultural and Heritage Commission took pictures and answered questions for the parents.
There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Lagay adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

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Dana Gootman
Deputy Clerk of the Board